Princeton 23 October 1783.

Dear Sir.

I enclose a Copy of a Resolution of Congress for a second federal Town on the Potomack, at or near Georgetown; and for adjourning Congress to meet at Anapolis, on the twenty sixth ~~xx~~ of November next. —— The reasons of this resolution were, the uneasiness of the Southern Deligates at fixing the residence on the Delaware, at, or near the falls above Trenton; and the apprehensions of the Northern States, that no other measures would prove effectual to prevent the return of Congress to Philadelphia, for a temporary residence.

An authenticated Copy of the provisional Articles, and of the ratification of the same by Congress, is ordered to be transmitted to the respective States: the desire is, that they may take no measures inconsistent with those Articles & which would render the fulfilment thereof impracticable —— The Articles themselves do not seem sufficiently explicit — A question may arise, at what period are they to take place in America? whether on the cessation of hostilities in consequence of the proclamation (which was no part of the preliminary Articles) or on the ratification of those Articles in America, or not untill the ratification of the definitive Treaty, in which the provisional Articles are to be inserted and to

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constitute part thereof. While we are waiting for the definitive Treaty (which will I hope remove these difficulties) every State will do well to judge in the best manner they can, on the sense of the provisional Articles, and endeavor to do nothing inconsistent ~~herewith~~ with what is therein Stipulated on the part of the United States.

I have the Honr to be with great respect and esteem your Honrs very humble & most Obed. Servt. Abiel Foster.

The Hon. M. Weare Esquire.

Wm Foster Esq
23 Oct. 1703